

## House Resolution 469

By: Representatives Reese of the 98<sup>th</sup> and Coan of the 101<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Debi West; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Debi West has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the  
3 vital role that she has played in the teaching profession and her deep personal commitment  
4 to the education of the students of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. West holds an educational specialist degree from the University of Georgia  
6 and teaches advanced drawing and painting at North Gwinnett High School in Suwanee,  
7 Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, this highly respected professional educator and art instructor began her career  
9 with the Gwinnett County Public School System at Sugar Hill Elementary School, and she  
10 taught at Rockbridge Elementary School and Level Creek Elementary School before moving  
11 on to North Gwinnett High School; and

12 WHEREAS, in recognition of her contributions to the students in this state, Mrs. West has  
13 been named Art Educator of the Year by the Georgia Art Education Association and a 2008  
14 honoree by the Woodruff Arts Center Education Committee; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. West has also been honored with such distinctions as the 1999 GAEA  
16 Elementary Level Art Educator of the Year, the 2001 Southeastern Art Educator of the Year,  
17 the 2005 National Elementary Art Educator of the Year, and the 2005 Gwinnett County  
18 Teacher of the Year; and

19 WHEREAS, inspired by her son, Mrs. West is committed to raising awareness of urea cycle  
20 disorders and their relationship to undetected metabolic disorders and autism and the  
21 National Urea Cycle Disorders Foundation; and

22 WHEREAS, in recognition of her contributions to the students in this state, it is abundantly  
23 fitting and proper for this body to honor the extraordinary commitment and accomplishments  
24 of this outstanding individual.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body heartily and gratefully commend Mrs. Debi West for her sacrifice,  
27 foresight, dedication, and contributions on behalf of education in Georgia, congratulate her  
28 for her many accolades, and recognize the positive influence she has had upon the lives and  
29 futures of countless young people in this state.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Debi West.